

Rooney Ranch, James Vesey House
Rooney Road and West Alameda Parkway
Morrison Vicinity
Jefferson County
Colorado

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

ROONEY RANCH, JAMES VESEY HOUSE

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Location:

Junction of Rooney Road and West Alameda Parkway,
Morrison vicinity, Jefferson County, Colorado

UTM Coordinates, Morrison, Colorado Quad:

- A. 13/483860 4393200
- B. 13/483840 4392250
- C. 13/483040 4392250
- D. 13/483040 4393200

Date of Construction:

1950.

Present Owner:

Alexander Rooney
Otis Alex Rooney
Eileen Louis Rooney
George R. and Kathryn Rooney
Lynda P. Simmons
James P. Simmons
James Addison and Virginia Dawn Vesey
Security Realty
Jefferson County Open Space Department

Present Use:

Residence.

Significance:

Rooney Ranch, one of the oldest ranches in Jefferson County, Colorado, is significant for its local historical associations and for the high quality of masonry construction exhibited in its principal structures.

The significance of the ranch to the historical and architectural development of Jefferson County was recognized in 1975 when the site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Rooney Ranch was designated a Jefferson County Landmark the following year.

Historian:

Kenneth M. Gambrill
Kathryn M Kuranda
Colorado Department of Highways
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The James Vesey House is a contemporary, one-story dwelling built in 1950. The house was the sole project of the Rooney family construction business and remains in the hands of its original owner, James Vesey. The structure has an "L" plan configuration and is faced in uncoursed sandstone. The building terminates in a gable roof and includes an interior, straight stack chimney faced in sandstone. Access to the dwelling is gained through the southwest elevation.